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# **Drive Safely** in **Work Zones**

Missouri Department of Transportation

MINIMUM \$ 250 FINE SPEEDING/PASSING IN THIS WORK ZONE

- Since August 28, 2001, motorists who speed or pass in an active Missouri work zone can be fined a minimum of \$250.
- Motorists who both pass and exceed the speed limit in an active work zone could receive a \$250 for each offense, in addition to other imposed fines.
- The money collected from the increased fines is distributed to the local school district, as are other fines collected on state highways.
- Work-zone speed limits are determined by a formula that takes into account the normal speed limit, the location of workers' activity and whether workers are protected by a barrier, guardrail or other crash-worthy device.
- Even if workers are not present in a work zone, motorists can be fined an additional \$35 for speeding in work zones on city, county and state roads.
- To learn where you might encounter work zones on Missouri highways, call MoDOT at the number below, visit our web site <a href="https://www.modot.state.mo.us">www.modot.state.mo.us</a> or drop in to one of our district or area offices.



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#### Work-Zone Changes Ahead!

The Missouri Department of Transportation is changing its work zones to improve safety for motorists and highway workers, reduce traveler delays and frustration, make work zones more consistent statewide and use MoDOT's resources more efficiently. MoDOT is focusing more of its limited resources on preservation and maintenance of Missouri's highway system. As a result, you'll see more work zones as you travel throughout our state.

MoDOT is aware that work zones can cause delay and frustration, so we are changing some procedures in order to focus on:

Safety It's our #1 value

**Convenience** We'll reduce disruptions for motorists

**Communication** We'll get the word out about upcoming projects and alternate routes

In 2001, MoDOT began implementing several strategies to immediately begin improving worker and travelers' safety while reducing delays and motorists' frustration. The strategies we'll use include:

Shifting road work to night, off-peak hours and weekends, when possible

Scheduling multiple projects on a route at one time

Setting appropriate work-zone speed limits

Ensuring work zones are neat, orderly and effective

Using signed detours, when they're more convenient for the public

Closing a highway entirely for a short period to complete the work quicker, if possible Involving the public earlier to obtain feedback on future projects and traffic alternatives

Reducing the duration of projects and other activities requiring lane closures

Providing incentives and disincentives to contractors to complete projects quicker

MoDOT is working on other long-term strategies to benefit highway workers and motorists. Although these strategies are still in the planning stages, they may include:

An online list of major events and work-zone locations that could affect traffic on highways

A number of methods to inform travelers about work-zone locations before the trip, en route, and in work zones via website, radio messages, changeable message signs, and invehicle devices (such as On-Star)



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